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Letter dated 19 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative
of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on El Salvador, issued on 17 July 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 28.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement on El Salvador issued on 17 July 1991 by
the European Community

The European Community and its member States express their grave concern regarding the escalating violence in El Salvador at a time when negotiations aimed at a peaceful end to the internal conflict had raised hopes of a lasting solution. In particular they strongly condemn the brutal torture and murder of Martin Ayala, member of the Consejo de Comunidades Marginales (CCM). The perpetrators of such crimes should be brought to justice without delay.

This murder highlights the urgency of agreement within the current peace negotiations on practical measures to reorganize, and to improve the investigative capability of, the Salvadorian police, and to improve the system of justice as envisaged in the April constitutional amendments, as yet unratified.

The Community and its member States urge the parties to the conflict to refrain from all recourse to violence and to renew their efforts to bring the peace negotiations to an early successful conclusion.
